

**TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 13, 2026  
6:00 PM**

The Town Council of the Town of Kouts, Indiana met in the Kouts Town Hall, 210 South Main Street, Kouts, Indiana 46347 on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting their regular monthly meeting.

*Councilor Salyer*

~~Council President Tyler Brock~~ called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Councilors Tim Gant, Harold Salyer, and John Schoon. Also present, Clerk-Treasurer Laurie Tribble, Attorney Schwerd, Lieutenant Kevin Young, Code Enforcement Patty Gebhardt, Park Director/Building Inspector Orville Jefferson, and Asst. Fire Chief Sutter. Tyler Brock and Blake Jefferson were absent from the meeting.

**Approval of the Utility Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of March 9, 2026, utility meeting minutes were presented to the council for approval. Councilor Schoon motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Councilor Gant seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of March 9, 2026, regular meeting minutes were presented to the council for approval. Councilor Schoon motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Councilor Gant seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Approval of Claims:** The Accounts Payable Docket from March 10 to April 13, 2026, was presented to the Council for approval. Councilor Schoon motioned to approve the claims as presented and Councilor Gant seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Departmental/Contractual Reports:**

\***Clerk-Treasurer**-No report.

\***Attorney**-No report.

\***Park**-No report.

\***Police Department**-No report.

\***Code Enforcement Officer**-Code Enforcement Officer Gebhardt reported she had ten (10) Junk Car complaints, one still outstanding, six (6) Parking issues, one still outstanding

and five (5) Garbage complaints, three still outstanding in the first quarter of 2026. There have been several animal complaints. She has been collaborating with Porter County Animal Control and communicating with the neighbors at one location regarding dogs running at large. She would like to discuss the Animal Control Contract that is coming up to work on the verbiage in it. An officer was bitten by one of the dogs during a call. Animal Control was contacted but did not respond to the call.

**\*Building Inspector-** No report.

**\*Storm Water Board-** Don Sutter reported they are waiting for NIPSCO to move gas lines so they can move forward with the Ross Ave. Drainage Project. They also have a small project on Railroad and Maple.

**\*Fire Department-**No report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST #22-**Councilor Schoon motioned to approve pay request #22 in the amount of \$323,832.32 to IHC Construction with Tyler Brock as signatory. Councilor Gant seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Other Matters:**

**John Herma/John Andy's-**Mr. Herma attended the meeting to discuss his utility bill. He feels the meter is not reading correctly. Councilor Schoon suggested that we start by changing his meter to see if there is a difference.

### **Adjournment**

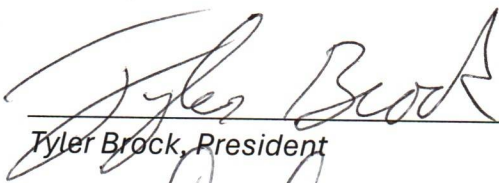
Councilor Schoon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. and Councilor Gant seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,




Laurie A. Tribble  
Clerk-Treasurer

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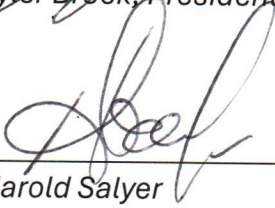
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Tyler Brock, President



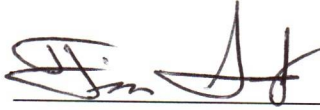
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Blake Jefferson, Vice-President



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Harold Salyer



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Tim Gant

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John Schoon